

HOUSE BILL 2588

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AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 7 in Maury
County in honor of the late John Newton Woody.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late John Newton Woody, one of Maury County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, John Newton Woody, during his lifetime in Maury County, made many contributions to the citizens of that county and this State; and

WHEREAS, John Newton Woody was born and raised on a farm on Snow Creek in Maury County, Tennessee, and he proudly served his country in the European Theater during World War I; and

WHEREAS, John Newton Woody married Sammie Pauline Pigg and raised a family of five boys on the Woody farm in the Santa Fe community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woody worked as a farmer and served as an Agricultural Adjustment Act Committeeman and as a Soil Conservation Committeeman; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being devoted to his wife and family, Mr. Woody served as a leader at the Santa Fe Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he was an Elder, Treasurer and song leader for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woody was also a Master Mason and was a member of Benton Lodge No 111 F. &A.M. in Santa Fe where he served as Worshipful Master and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has constructed a new bridge on State Route 7 in Maury County as a result of the 2010 flooding, such bridge being Bridge No 60-SR0070045, and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name this bridge to honor Mr. Woody's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Bridge No. 60-SR0070045 on State Route 7 in Maury County is hereby designated the "John Newton Woody World War I Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to a brave veteran, an excellent citizen, and an even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "John Newton Woody World War I Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs

within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.